

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

- 1           1.       A system for storing and retrieving data, comprising:  
2           an identifier including three or more variables for identifying each data stored in said  
3           system.
- 1           2.       The system of claim 1, wherein one of said three or more variables is a device  
2           identification variable.
- 1           3.       The system of claim 2, further includes a timestamp for prioritizing said data.
- 1           4.       The system of claim 3, wherein one of said variables may be filled by a wildcard.
- 1           5.       The system of claim 4, wherein said system includes a registry for storing said  
2           data.
- 1           6.       The system of claim 5, wherein said registry is provided in a database structure.
- 1           7.       The system of claim 1, wherein said three or more variables includes a device  
2           identification variable, an application identification variable and a user identification variable.
- 1           8.       The system of claim 7, further including a timestamp for prioritizing data.
- 1           9.       The system of claim 8, wherein one of said variables may be filled by a wildcard.
- 1           10.      The system of claim 9, wherein said system includes a registry and said registry  
2           includes a database structure for storing said data.
- 1           11.      A registry for storing and retrieving preference data, comprising:  
2           an identifier including at least three variables for identifying a data stored in said registry.

1           12.    The registry of claim 11, further comprising a means for providing a floating  
2 value to said at least three variables.

1           13.    The registry means of claim 12, further comprising a means for associating a time  
2 stamp to said data.

1           14.    A method for storing and retrieving data in a system, comprising the step of:  
2 identifying each stored data in said system by an identifier including three or more  
3 variables.

1           15.    A method according to claim 14, further comprising the step of storing data in a  
2 registry.

1           16.    A method according to claim 15, wherein one of said three or more variables is a  
2 device identification variable.

1           17.    A method according to claim 16, further including the step of time stamping said  
2 data for prioritizing said data.

1           18.    A method according to claim 17, further including the step of filling one of said  
2 variables with a wildcard.

1           19.    A method according to claim 18, further including the step of deleting one or  
2 more data items that has been superseded by a subsequent data having same identifier but a  
3 higher time stamp value.

1           20.    A method according to claim 19, wherein said registry is provided in a database  
2 structure.